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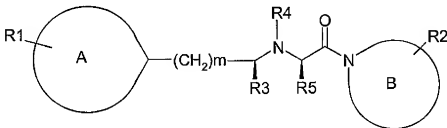
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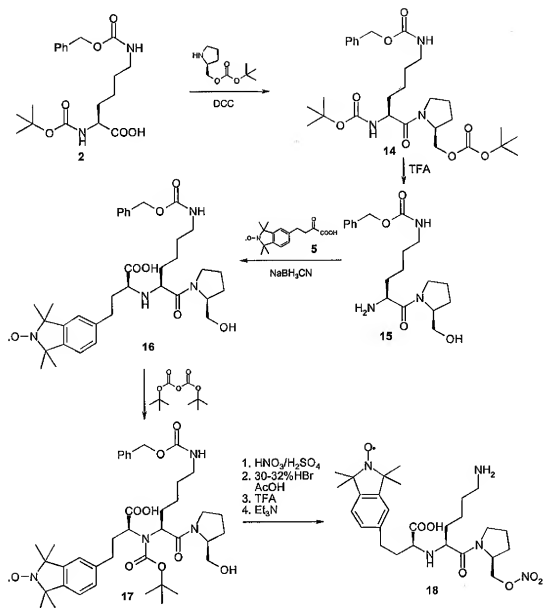
Response and Amendment

This response is in reply to the office action mailed on February 8, 2008, which had a shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire 1 month from the mailing date of that communication

In order to comply with the requirement of 14 June 2007, applicant restricted the claims with traverse to the structures of Formula IV:



Now, in response to the Examiner's communication of 8 February 2008, a single compound is now elected and provided herewith, as requested by the Examiner, namely compound number 18 from Scheme VIII as presented in Example 4 of the application as filed (page 65), falling into the ambit of general Formula IV.



An embodiment of said elected Formula IV is now elected -- compound 18 above. The synthesis of the compound is described in Example 4, and the compound is comprised in Formula IV claimed in original claim 76. In our prior response to the USPTO filed on 26 November 2007, a multifunctional ACE-inhibitor of Formula IV was elected (defined by the Examiner as Group IX), believing that the subject matter of at least originally filed claims 49, 64, and 65 would be eventually included in the allowed claims, comprising the unique methods of treatment.

The provided chemical structure (formula 18) is included in general Formula IV of original method claim 64 (amended claim 72); formula 18 falls into the ambit of

original claim 65 when the first alternatives (alternative I) are selected for both rings A and B.

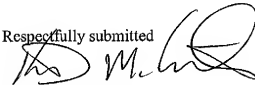
Address Issue:

The last office action was erroneously forwarded to the former law firm despite the fact a "Power of Attorney, Revocation of Prior Power of Attorney, Change of Address, and Statement under 3.73(b)" was submitted to the USPTO on November 16, 2006 and November 26, 2007. Accordingly, please forward all correspondence regarding this application to:

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It is believed the claims are currently in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted



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